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Applicant : Derek Shaw et al. Art Unit : 3763
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF AUGUST 23, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: